

Commercial.

THIS DAY.

Business in the Share Market is still rather quiet. Banks are firmer and have changed hands at 204 per cent. premium for cash, 206 for the end of the month, and left off with buyers at 209 for August 31st. China Sugars are now in demand at the increased rate of \$207 per share, shares having been negotiated this morning at 207 for the end of the month. Nothing in other stocks came under our notice.

SHARES.

Hongkong and Shanghai Bank—Ex New Issue—103 per cent. premium.

Hongkong and Shanghai Bank—New Issue—161 per cent. premium.

Union Insurance Society of Canton—\$250 per share, buyers.

China Traders' Insurance Company—\$2,650 per share, buyers.

North China Insurance—Tls. 1,500 per share.

Canton Insurance Company, Limited—\$120 per share, sellers.

Yankee Insurance Association—Tls. 1060 per share, ex div. sellers.

Chinese Insurance Company—\$230 per share, ex div. sellers.

On Tai Insurance Company, Limited—Tls. 150 per share.

Hongkong Fire Insurance Company—\$352 per share, sellers.

China Fire Insurance Company—\$385 per share, sales and sellers.

Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company—61 per cent. premium, sellers.

Hongkong, Canton, and Macao Steamboat Co.—\$53 per share, premium, buyers.

China and Manila Steam Ship Company—120 per share.

Hongkong Gas Company—\$80 per share.

Hongkong Hotel Company—\$160 per share.

Indo-China Steam Navigation Company, Limited—15 per cent. div. sellers.

China Sugar Refining Company, Limited—\$207 per share, sales and buyers.

China Sugar Refining Company (Debentures)—2 per cent. premium.

Luzon Sugar Refining Company, Limited—\$78 per share, buyers.

Hongkong Ice Company—\$163 per share, sellers.

Hongkong and China Bakery Company, Limited—\$80 per share, buyers.

Chinese Imperial Loan of 1878—14 per cent. prem. ex int.

Chinese Imperial Loan of 1881—2 per cent. prem. sight.

ON LONDON.—Bank, T.T. 3/1

Bank Bills, on demand 4/6

Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight 3/1

Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight 3/8

Credits, at 4 months' sight 3/8

Documentary Bills, at 4 months' sight 3/8 1/2

ON HONGKONG.—Bank, T.T. 3/1

Bank Bills, on demand 4/6

Credits, at 4 months' sight 3/1

ON CALCUTTA.—Bank, T.T. 2/2

On demand 2/2

ON SHANGHAI.—Bank, sight 72 1/2

Private, 30 days' sight 73 1/2

Shipping.

ARRIVALS.

FOOKSANG, British steamer, 990, Hogg, 18th July, Shanghai 14th July, General—Jarvis, Macao and Co.

YEHUNG, Chinese steamer, 750, E. J. Deegan, 18th July, Canton 17th July, General—C. M. S. N. Co.

ELECTRA, German steamer, 1,161, G. Kaler, 18th July, Saigon 14th July, Rice—Siemens & Co.

PEKING, British steamer, 954, Heuermann, 18th July, Shanghai 14th July, General—Siemens & Co.

ANCHISES, British steamer, 1,304, C. Jackson, 18th July, Liverpool 2nd June, and Singapore 12th July, General—Butterfield & Swire.

VORWARTS, German steamer, 617, Boysen, 18th July, Hoihow 17th July, General—Wieler & Co.

WELLE, German steamer, 394, Piper, 18th July, Hoihow 16th July, General—Wieler & Co.

CLEARANCES AT THE HARBOUR OFFICE.

Bellona, British steamer, for Foochow.

Annie, German steamer, for Canton.

DEPARTURES.

July 18, Acto, Danish steamer, for Hoihow.

July 18, Abby, British steamer, for Toulon.

July 18, Baita, German bark, for Newchwang.

July 18, Bellona, German steamer, for Saigon.

July 18, Peking, British steamer, for Canton.

July 18, May, British barkentine, for Foochow.

PASSENGERS-ARRIVED.

Per Electra, str. from Saigon—44 Chinese.

Per Anches, str. from Liverpool, &c.—Mrs. Morrison and 5 children, and 20 Chinese.

Per Peking, str. from Shanghai—4 Europeans on deck, and 54 Chinese.

Per Welle, str. from Hoihow—9 Chinese.

Per Vorwarts, str. from Hoihow—105 Chinese.

REPORTS.

The British steamship Anchises reports left Liverpool on the 14th inst. Had strong monsoon and fine weather on the 14th inst. Had fine weather and light monsoon.

The British steamship Peking reports left Shanghai on the 14th inst. Had fresh monsoon and hazy weather during the whole passage. Off Cape Hope, on the 17th at noon, passed the Company's steamer Yangtze.

The British steamship Fooksang reports left Shanghai on the 14th inst. The first part had fresh breeze and fine clear weather. The latter part had fresh breeze and rising S.W. wind with cloudy and showery weather. On the 17th inst. passed the steamship Yangtze, from Hongkong to Shanghai.

Post Office.

A MAIL WILL CLOSE.

For Foochow.—Per Anierly, to-day, the 18th instant, at 5 P.M.

For Swatow and Bangkok.—Per Taichow, tomorrow, the 19th instant, at 9.30 A.M.

For Swatow, Amoy, & Foochow.—Per Kwangtung, on Friday, the 20th instant, at 11.30 A.M.

For Nagasaki, Hiogo, and Yokohama.—Per Zambezi, on Saturday, the 21st instant, at 11.30 A.M.

For Manila.—Per Diamante, on Saturday, the 21st instant, at 4.30 P.M.

For Singapore and Bombay.—Per Khiva, on Tuesday, the 24th instant, at 3.30 P.M.

SHIPPING IN HONGKONG.

STEAMERS.

ALWINE, German steamer, 100, F. Thiesen, 17th July, Newchwang, 8th July, Beans—Wieler & Co.

ANERLEY, British steamer, 1,256, Strachan, 24th June, Saigon 20th June, Rice—Siemens & Co.

BALANGAS, Spanish steamer, 116, John Ovieta, 4th July, Manila 1st July, General—Remedios & Co., Kowloon Dock.

CITY OF PEKING, American steamer, 3,129, D. E. Friede, 15th July, San Francisco 14th June, and Yokohama 8th July, General—P. M. S. S. Co.

DANUBE, British steamer, 561, R. Jones, 17th July, Bangkok 10th July, Rice and General—Yuen Fat Hong.

DOUGLAS, British steamer, 982, S. Ashton, 5th July, Foochow 1st July, Amoy 3rd, and Swatow 4th, General—D. Lapraik & Co.

ENUV, Spanish steamer, 410, Rementis, 30th June, Manila 27th June, General—Remedios & Co., Kowloon Dock.

INGO, German steamer, 672, Jesselsen, 10th July, Singapore 3rd July, General—Wieler & Co.

KHIVA, British steamer, 2,609, P. Harris, 14th July, Bombay 28th June, and Singapore, General—P. & O. S. N. Co.

KUMAMOTO MARU, Japanese steamer, 1,240, J. W. Drummond, 17th July, Kobe via Nagasaki 10th July, General—Mitsui Bishi M. S. S. Co.

KWANGTUNG, British steamer, 680, M. Young, 16th July, Foochow 14th July, and Amoy 15th, General—D. Lapraik & Co.

LI YUNG, Annamite steamer, 19, Chun, 10th June, Toulon 15th June, General—Chin-nese.

NAM-UYEN, French steamer, 435, A. Garceau, 16th July, Haiphong 14th July, General—Shing Loong.

NEPAUL, British steamer, J. Reeves, 17th July, Shanghai 14th July, Mails and General—P. & O. S. N. Co.

SHERARD OSBORN, British steamer, 875, Worcester, 21st June, Shanghai 5th June, and Foochow, Telegraph Cable—E. E. A. & Co. Telegraph Co.

TAI-CHOW, British steamer, 862, James Jordan, 10th July, Singapore 4th July, General—Yuen Fat Hong.

ZAMBEZI, British steamer, 1,540, L. H. Moule, 17th July, Yokohama 7th July, Mails and General—P. & O. S. N. Co.

SAILING VESSELS.

ADOLPH OBRIG, American ship, 1,448, Staples, 20th May, Cardiff 14th January, Coal—Russell & Co.

AUGUSTE, French bark, 858, Le Breton, 6th June, Newport 25th October, Coal—Carlowitz & Co.

BELLE OF OREGON, American bark, 1,110, E. Mathew, 6th June, Newcastle 12th April, Coal—Borneo Co.

CHANG-SHANGOR, German bark, 683, Sachse, 6th June, Toulon 14th June, Coals—E. Blackhead & Co.

CHANNEL QUEEN, British bark, 609, Le Lacheur, 18th May, Chelso 22nd April, General—Ed. Schellhaas & Co., Kowloon Dock.

CHESHIRE, American bark, 737, Reynolds, 29th June, Newcastle 27th April, Coal—Borneo Co.

CHOCORUA, American ship, 1,163, Locke, 30th June, Hiogo 3rd May, Ballast—Master—Cosmopolitan Dock.

C. D. BRYANT, American bark, 929, J. P. Butman, 23rd May, New York 24th January, Kerosene Oil—D. Lapraik & Co.

ELWELL, American ship, 1,461, Barton, 30th June, Cardiff 15th March, Coals—Order.

ELLEN, British bark, 490, C. Hodge, 15th July, Singapore 7th July, Timber—Gee Aik Hong.

FRIEDLANDER, German ship, 1,584, J. Bellmer, 14th June, Cardiff 7th February, Coal—Captain.

FRIEDRICH, German bark, 676, J. P. Uldeup, 30th June, Cardiff 27th February, Coals—Wieler & Co., Kowloon Dock.

G. C. TRUPANT, British ship, 1,520, Thomas, 14th June, Cardiff 5th February, Coal—Order.

GRANDEE, American ship, 1,254, Jacobs, 15th July, Newcastle, N.S.W., 26th May, Coal—Order.

HERMANN, German bark, 444, M. Traulsen, 17th July, Bangkok 6th July, General—Wieler & Co.

H. UPMANN, German bark, 427, T. G. Weber, 18th May, Newchwang 22nd April, General—Carlowitz & Co.

IDA, German ship, 1,298, W. Schneider, 17th May, Swatow 14th May, Sugar—Arnhold, Karberg & Co.

JOE RAUERS, German bark, 889, H. Schroder, 3rd July, Cardiff 1st March, Coals—Melchers & Co.

LIVINGSTONE, German bark, 531, H. Steffens, 8th July, Honolulu 23rd May, Ballast—Siemens & Co.

LOUISA, German 3-m. sch., 245, Schierloch, 2nd Jan., Whampoa 31st Dec., General—Captain.

MCLAURAN, American ship, 1,330, J. H. Little, 12th May, Newcastle, N.S.W., 21st March, Coal—Russell & Co.

OCCIDENT, German bark, 254, C. Reuter, 13th July, Tientsin 8th June, General—Wieler & Co.

PRINTEMPS, French bark, 357, F. Gaillard, 15th July, Hilo 6th July, General—Carlowitz & Co.

RAMIER, French brig, 280, Savary, 28th June, Hilo 10th June, General—Carlowitz & Co.

RESOLUTE, American ship, 1,640, Sackels, 22nd May, Newcastle 24th March, Coal—Russell & Co.

SPARTAN, American schooner, 85, Ch. Vincent, 10th May, Swatow 24th May, Ballast—W. H. Ray.

TERKI, British bark, 390, Buckholdt, 12th July, from Quinlon, Salt—Chinese.

TWILIGHT, American ship, 1,205, W. C. Warland, 8th June, Newcastle, N.S.W., 14th April, Coal—Adamson, Bell & Co.

UNDINE, German bark, 263, F. Kruse, 15th July, Cardiff 8th February, Coals—Melchers & Co.

WILLIAM HALLES, American bark, 834, Geo. F. Elliot, 1st July, Newcastle, N.S.W., 6th May, Coals—Captain.

WILLIAM MANSON, British bark, 366, H. Kindred, 15th July, Newchwang 8th June, Beans and Peas—Chong Wo.

WRECKER, American lorch, 55, Henderson, 16th July, Guap Island 1st June, General—Blackhead & Co.

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FOR SALE.

G. FALCONER & Co. WATCH AND CHRONOMETER MANUFACTURERS AND JEWELLERS. NAUTICAL INSTRUMENTS, CHARTS AND BOOKS. No. 46, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, Hongkong, 10th November, 1882. [471]

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The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, JULY 18, 1883.

Two years ago in dealing in these columns with what at that time was the vexed question of Chinese coolie emigration to the Australian Colonies, we indulged in some strong and inadvisable expressions on the unsatisfactory manner in which these so-called free emigrants were examined prior to leaving this colony by the officers of the Emigration Department. We then said referring to the notorious *Glamis Castle* case:—"That the Emigration Officer's examination was a thorough farce, must be patent to every one who knows anything of the manner in which these sham examinations are conducted, and we must hold the Governor responsible for permitting such a state of affairs to exist." And with further reference to the common practice in Hongkong of one government official filling two or three different positions, which we took the liberty of saying was a principle "rotten to the core and wholly indefensible," we observed: "The time has surely come when the Auguean Stable wants a thorough cleaning out, and we would strongly recommend that a start be made at once in the Emigration Department." Most of our readers will remember that Captain THOMSETT, who in addition to his position of Harbour Master, Marine Magistrate, &c., held that of Emigration Officer, took umbrage at our remarks, and formally applied to the Government for permission to institute proceedings for libel against this journal. Captain THOMSETT's application led to serious complications in the Executive Council, and the position taken up on the matter by Dr. STEWART, who was then acting as Colonial Secretary, ended in that officer resigning (?) his position. Governor Sir JOHN POPE HENNESSY after stating to the members of his Council that he had a matter of fact officially reprimanded the Emigration Officer on account of the insufficient examinations of emigrants, declined to permit Captain THOMSETT either to withdraw his formal application or to institute legal proceedings, and the question was eventually submitted to the Secretary of State (Earl Kimberley) who supported Governor HENNESSY's action, and laid down a rule that under no circumstances could any colonial servant take proceedings for libel against a public newspaper without the express sanction of the Home Government. Although we had good reasons for believing that the worthy Harbour Master was not what could be accurately termed a free agent in his wild crusade against this journal, and as we, moreover, were in a position to prove the literal truth of every word we had written as to the unsatisfactory character of the official examination of Chinese emigrants, and quite prepared to defend our statements with regard to the necessity for a thorough cleansing of the "Auguean Stable," nothing was further from our intention or desire than to reflect personally on that well meaning but somewhat irascible official. Our attack was made on a rotten system, and not on individuals whose responsibility could of necessity only be limited in extent. Since that time we have in the course of duty occasionally directed attention to abuses in various departments of the local government service, and it was only the other day that the very important subject of arranging the contracts for the execution of public works—which had become a matter of common talk in the colony in a manner anything but creditable to certain officials—called for some exceedingly plain-spoken truths.

The above references have been elicited by another government abuse, or perhaps it would be more accurate to say, by what is said to be a government abuse of public

rights under departmental auspices, which is at present causing a good deal of discussion throughout the colony, and which, it seems to us, calls for a thorough investigation in the interests of all concerned. A short time ago a witty correspondent proposed to us for elucidation a conundrum incidentally relating to Hongkong and its management of the internal affairs of government. It was worded—"In what manner does Hongkong in its official element resemble an oyster just removed from its bed beneath the waves?" The answer was neat and appropriate:—"It opens its official mouth just sufficiently wide to let you see that there is something inside; but when enquiry is made, as to what that something is, the mouth hermetically closes." A column of the most bitter invective and pungent criticism could not more effectively or more satirically lay bare that world of red tape which constitutes Hongkong's officialdom, and which is the bane of the colony's prosperity. Political revolutions are the gradual outcome of extended and enlightened experience of the debased character of other forms of government; a revolution in the "Auguean Stables" of our official departments is therefore most likely to be brought about by an exposure of abuses, the continued existence of which are calculated to bring the Government into contempt.

We have before us a copy of "The Merchant Shipping Consolidation Ordinance of 1879," which, according to the wording of the preamble, is an ordinance enacted by the Governor of Hongkong, with the advice of the Legislative Council thereof, to consolidate and amend the laws relating to merchant shipping, the duties of the Harbour Master, the control and management of the waters of the colony, and the regulation of vessels navigating the same. Without wasting time beating about the bush, we think it best to state plainly that in various departments presumed to be under the direction and supervision of the Harbour Master, there appears to have been for a considerable time past a series of incomprehensible misunderstandings, glaring misinterpretations, or gross blunders in carrying out the provisions of the act we have just quoted. As our space will not permit us to deal with the whole of our subject in one article, we will confine our remarks in the present instance to that branch of the Harbour Department to which is entrusted the shipment and discharge of seamen in Hongkong.

We are credibly informed that it has been the custom in the department just named to issue permits to masters of vessels of other than British nationality, authorising such masters to ship their seamen at their respective consulates, and to charge for such permit a fee of one dollar per man. On reference to section 5 of chapter 5 in Ordinance No. 8 of 1879, dealing with the shipping and discharge of seamen, we find it stated that:

"No seaman shall, except with the Harbour Master's sanction, be shipped to do duty on board any merchant ship whatever else, where than at the office of the Harbour Master, who shall charge, for every seaman shipped, a fee of one dollar, such fee to be paid in the first instance, by the master of the ship shipping such seaman, and such master shall deduct the same from the wages of the seaman shipped; and the Harbour Master shall require such seaman to lodge with him his certificate of discharge from the last ship, and failing the production of such certificate, such seaman shall be bound to give satisfactory explanation to the Harbour Master of the cause of the non-production thereof. The above mentioned fee shall be accounted for by the Harbour Master to the Treasury."

At the first glance this section of the act would appear by a side wind (i.e. the Harbour Master's sanction) to justify the permit system above alluded to; but a closer investigation of that and following sections conclusively negatives the assumption; in fact, it is plainly set down that the ordinance applies only to British and Colonial ships. The remaining sections of this chapter clearly show that the powers possessed by the Harbour Master with regard to British and Colonial vessels, are vested in the various Consuls or Vice-Consuls where foreign vessels are concerned. But admitting the very remote contingency that the Harbour Department had for years been illegally collecting these fees owing to an erroneous interpretation of the clauses of the ordinance, it must be admitted that it is plainly enough laid down in section 5 that such fees "shall be accounted for by the Harbour Master to the Treasury." We ask the question on behalf of the public whose interests we represent—Have the fees collected for these permits been regularly accounted for to the Colonial Treasury? If so, we shall be pleased to be the medium of removing a strong impression which has got abroad that such has not been the case; if not, we should really like to know in what manner they have been bestowed for the benefit of the colony.

Humanum est errare. Our researches into the matters alluded to above have been conducted methodically and with scrupulous care, and yet it is possible that in some respects we may have erred; but, if so, it has neither been through recklessness nor carelessness. With regard especially to the question of these permit fees, a most minute investigation of the Harbour Master's official reports for the years 1880, 1881 and 1882 respectively—vide the Gov-

ernment Gazette for 1881, 1882 and 1883—throws no satisfactory light on the matter. In 1880 the number of seamen reported as being shipped is stated at 6392; in 1881 there were 6940 and in 1882 no fewer than 9704. These numbers represent the exact amounts paid in to the Colonial Treasury as shipping fees, at the rate of one dollar per man. But on examining and comparing these statistics with the records at the Harbour Department, we find that the figures we have quoted refer only to seamen shipped on British vessels, and do not include those shipped by the respective Consuls on board foreign vessels. At the German Consulate the number of seamen shipped last year total something over 1,300, and the records of the United States Consulate show that 479 men were shipped on American vessels. These are the figures from but two of the eighteen consulates in the port.

Another strange phase in these proceedings at the Harbour Department requires explanation. From statistics supplied to us from the United States Consulate, it appears that during the present year up to yesterday's date 543 men had been shipped on board American vessels, and upon 380 of these a fee of one dollar per man had been paid to the Harbour Master's Department in addition to the usual consular fees. The question at once arises—why were fees charged only on 380 and not on the whole number? That is exactly what we wish the Harbour Department or the Government to explain. The vast majority of the balance of 163 were shipped on board the steamers of the Pacific Mail Company as follows:—

January 15—City of Tokio,	33 men.
February 20—City of Peking,	11 "
April 15—City of Peking,	27 "
May 15—City of Peking,	27 "
June 25—City of Rio de Janeiro,	40 "
July 6—City of Tokio,	85 "
Total,	163 men.

For these not one single cent has ever been demanded by or paid to the Harbour Department. The remaining two men to make up the full number quoted above were shipped last Monday on board the American ship *C. D. Bryant*, and the master of that vessel paid no fees, nor was he asked to do so.

On this branch of our subject little more remains to be said. In our opinion, which is based on the construction and wording of Ordinance 8 of 1879, the exaction of these permit fees from foreign sailors is clearly illegal. The question of what has been done with these fees is for the Government to investigate. An impression is abroad that they have not gone into the Colonial Treasury; that, in justice to all concerned, ought to be set right. Why the steamers of the Pacific Mail Co. and the ship *C. D. Bryant* should have been exempted from the fees charged against the seamen of other foreign vessels is another matter which requires an official enquiry. Colonel Moser, the Consul for the United States, we believe, written to the Government on the subject, and as the rights of the foreign seamen could not possibly be in abler and more experienced hands than in those of the old Confederate chieftain, there can be little doubt that, as the result of his representations and protests, all grievances will be fairly remedied, and the true state of the law as regards the shipping of alien seamen accurately defined.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

A TELEGRAM from Manila reached us as we were going to press containing the two words "typhoon threatens."

The people of Zurich, in Switzerland, have by popular vote sanctioned a Bill providing for the restoration of capital punishment.

We read in a Japanese paper that General Wu, the commander of the Chinese soldiers at Seoul, has been ordered back to China. This is said to be owing to the disturbed relations with France.

It is reported that Prince Bismarck contemplates the radical remodelling of the entire constitution of the German Empire. It is also reported that Bismarck in a recent conversation, upheld the competency of the Federal Government to abolish the Reichstag.

The contractors who are cutting the canal through the Isthmus of Corinth are confident that the work will be completed within four years. The canal will be just four miles long and of the same width and depth as that of Suez—namely, 72 feet wide and 26 feet deep throughout at low water. Vessels from the Adriatic ports will save 185 miles and those from the Mediterranean 95 miles by passing through the canal, besides avoiding the dangerous coast around Cape Malapan.

A CORRESPONDENT writes us to say that a suicide took place at West Point on Monday last. We were just getting interested in the matter, and were preparing to send our "Special" to investigate the affair when on reading further on we saw that it was only our correspondent's monkey that had shortened its days by self strangulation. The letter must surely have been forwarded to us by mistake, as the special authority on Japanese and Chinese dogs would have been the right person to whom the startling announcement of the monkey's demise should have been sent.

THE British ship *G. C. Trufant* will undock at Kowloon to-morrow, and the Japanese steamer *Kiyomoto Maru* is booked to take the vacant dock.

DURING a trial a Judge called a witness. No one answered, and an elderly man arose and solemnly said "He is gone." "Where has he gone?" asked the Judge in no tender tone. "I don't know; but he is dead," was the guarded reply.

WE (Japan Mail) hear from Swatow that a sort of armistice has been declared for the present between the Mandarins and the German Vice-Consul. Advice as to further proceedings are daily awaited from Berlin, when the case will probably be resumed. The claim of Messrs. Dicks & Co., though not actively pressed at the present moment, still holds good, and we understand will shortly be re-argued in solemn conclave by representatives of both countries.

It is reported that the Prince of Wales has expressed a desire that the honor of knighthood should be conferred upon Henry Irving, and that the fact should be announced at the living banquet on the fourth of July, at which the Prince is to be present. The Queen is not disposed to confer this dignity on an actor, and it is not yet certain that Mr. Irving will ever become "Sir Henry." The honor has never before been bestowed upon an actor, but Irving's popularity and the Prince of Wales' friendship are very likely to turn the scale in his favor.

The Calcutta Exhibition, which will open on the 5th of December next, will be remarkable chiefly for the marvelous collection of precious stones that will be shown. Many of the native princes of India have promised to lend their finest jewels, and among these are some of the costliest in the world. The treasures of the Nizam, Scindia, Holkar, the Gaikwar, and the Maharajahs of Jaipur, Patiala and Travancore are especially rich in diamonds, rubies and emeralds; and it is said that some of the magnates of Bhopal can, if they so choose, cover themselves with pearls. Indeed, the wealth of India in precious stones is so immense as to appear fabulous to Western minds.

SEVERAL French papers mention that Lord Granville has sent a note intimating that Her Majesty's Government will claim compensation for any damage sustained by British subjects in consequence of the bombardment of any ports in Madagascar. Another rumour which has been current in Paris for some weeks past has also found its way into print. The *Frankfort* states, under all reserve, that the British Government has demanded explanations with reference to the statement of M. Challemel-Lacour, that China was being "egged on" against France, and that he knew by whom. That unlucky phrase is not likely to improve the relations between the French and English Foreign Offices.

A TELEGRAM dated Vienna, June 11th says:—"The difficulties of France in Tonquin are causing much anxiety here in official circles, where it is understood China may at any time ask for Austrian intermediation. It is doubtful if the Imperial Government would care to assume that delicate position since it has become a party to the triple alliance. At the same time the war of 1866 has not been forgotten and Austria is not entirely in sympathy with Bismarck's policy. Germany is willing to divide the French forces, although France is now considered by diplomats as scarcely ranking fairly above a second-class power. Information received here, however, indicates that a war may not be entirely unavoidable between China and France, since the first-named country, although it has assumed a very positive stand, is inclined toward peace and will not break off diplomatic relations with France until after an opportunity has been given for repeated appeals made to European Governments to mediate between the two countries."

FROM an advertisement in another column it will be noted that Professor Haselmayer, the world renowned magician, has decided to retire from the profession at the end of the present year, and now offers for sale the whole of the extensive apparatus, including many wonders invented by himself, through the aid of which he has electrified audiences in the four quarters of the globe. To any gentleman who feels disposed to invest in this favorable opportunity of making a fortune in a few years, the Professor will give practical tuition in the mysteries of the business, guaranteeing that at the end of six months his pupil will be able to hold his own with any prestidigitator or professor of magic now before the public. Full particulars as to the terms on which this lucrative business will be disposed of can be obtained from Herr Haselmayer, whose address is filed at this office. Herr Haselmayer will give the first of this short series of farewell performances at the Theatre Royal, City Hall, to-morrow night, where his marvels will no doubt attract a large audience.

A TELEGRAM in the American papers, dated London, 10th June, says:—"Chinese agents in England are very busy on the Clyde and Mersey commissioning blockade-runners. Each commission that has thus far been made contains provisions to the effect that if war shall occur between France and China no commission for blockade-runners shall be constructed as binding China to purchase war material in England, nor as prohibiting China from contracting for all war material in Germany exclusively. This is considered very significant, and indicates at least that there is a perfect understanding between Berlin and Peking. A fact which shows that England is possibly a third party of this understanding is the attitude displayed by Earl Granville, Secretary for Foreign Affairs. The French Government are hurriedly completing their naval re-enforcements and intend to put at once into Chinese seas the most powerful armament ever seen in those waters. These additions to the French fleet cannot, however, reach Hongkong until the 15th of July, at the nearest. The supreme command of this fleet has been vested in Admiral Courbet."

A FRENCH marquis was riding out one day when he passed an old priest trotting along contentedly on a quiet donkey.—"Ha, ha," exclaimed the marquis, "how goes the ass, good father?"—"On horseback, my son, on horseback," replied the priest.

ALEXANDER CUNNINGHAM, an unemployed seaman, was arrested last night at 8.30 in Circular Pathway by Wong Akum P.C. No. 184, for being drunk and disorderly and assaulting the police. Cunningham, who admitted two previous convictions for the same soft offences, will emerge from the "Retreat" six weeks hence, that being the allowance of board, lodging and employment provided for him by Captain Thomsett at the expense of the Government.

WE beg to direct attention to the farewell performance to be given in the Theatre Royal, City Hall, this evening, by the Southern Star Minstrels. We hope there will be a good house on this occasion, to enable the minstrels to get away from the colony by an early steamer. Not to put too fine a point on it, we may state that these unfortunate performers are simply "eating their heads off" here, and will be grateful to the public for their support on this, their last appearance in China.

SAYS the *Japan Daily Mail*:—"It is stated that seven cases of cholera have occurred in a village called Nakamura, in Sagami province, Kanagawa prefecture. Nakamura is a small village in the neighborhood of Ashi-no-yu (Hakone), a most unlikely place for the disease to break out. It appears also, that no news of any such fact has reached the offices of the Prefecture, so that on the whole the rumour is probably false. We learn, however, on good authority that two cases were officially reported a few days ago as having occurred in Odawara, but the disease does not appear to be spreading."

EUROPEAN engineers have yet something to learn if the following story, which appears in a Japanese paper is a true bill.—"Five knots an hour was the average rate of speed attained by the *Nagasaki Maru*. Captain Shiroto, and Mr. Machida, the Chief Engineer of the vessel, designed some improvements in the machinery, and when these were carried into effect at the Higo Engineering Works they proved so successful that the *Nagasaki Maru* went twice as fast as before, although the consumption of coal was much decreased. The foreign employees at the Works expressed great admiration for the alterations."

WE hear that Lieutenant-Colonel F. Cardey, Assistant Military Secretary, goes home to-morrow by the English mail, on promotion, to join his regiment, the Prince of Wales' Volunteers (South Lancashire Regiment). Many of our most useful institutions, such as the Sailors' Home and Temperance Hall, will lose a good friend by the departure of Lieut.-Col. Cardey, who practically demonstrated the utility of temperance. We wish the gallant colonel *bon voyage*. Major E. M. Lloyd, Royal Engineers, who was professor of Fortifications, &c., at the Royal Military Academy from 1st Oct. 1876 to 30th Sept. 1882, will most probably be his successor here.

CHEMISTS and druggists in France are apparently surrounded by dangers which are quite unknown to their English brethren. In our favoured land a chemist may occasionally be "hailed over the coals by a coroner's jury for selling poison to irresponsible children, but hitherto they have been exempt from liability to damages. In Paris a French tribunal has lately condemned a chemist to a week's imprisonment, and to pay 2000 francs for habitually selling morphine, without a special prescription from a doctor, to a woman who had become a lunatic through its use. This is rather rough on chemists, but it is certainly calculated to make them cautious in the matter of selling poisons.

JAMES KERNS, hailing from the Emerald Isle, and described as an unemployed landman, was brought before Captain Thomsett this morning on a charge of trespassing in the Artillery Barracks yesterday. Robert Russell, a gunner in the Royal Artillery, stated that while he was doing sentry duty yesterday at 7 p.m. Kerns asked to be allowed to go inside the barracks. He was refused access. Later on the defendant got over the wall and railings and went into the compound. The officer of the guard was at once apprised of Kerns' intrusion, and the intruder was given into custody. In reply to the Magistrate, Mr. Kerns said he thought there was no harm in going to the barracks, as he was to ship to-day in the American ship *Malabar*. Captain Thomsett ordered the unemployed one to be taken to the American Consul to ascertain whether the statements he had made were true. Col. Mosby replied that the man was not known at all at the Consulate, and that there was no such ship in harbour as the *Malabar*. He further said that he would not ship Kerns in any vessel. His Worship remanded Mr. Kerns to the "Retreat" for a month's spell of hard labor.

NEWS BY THE ENGLISH MAIL.

The P. & O. Co.'s steamer *Peshawar*, Captain E. J. Baker, with the London mail of the 15th ulto, arrived in harbour this afternoon. We extract the annexed items from the *London and China Express*:—

After his return to Berlin from the trial trip of the new Chinese ironclad, the Chinese Minister had an audience with Count Hatzfeldt. M. Davydoff, the newly-appointed Russian Minister at the Court of Japan, left London last week to enter upon the duties of his new post. The Russian man-of-war *Oprikhnik* arrived at Spithead on the 10th inst. from Cronstadt, bound for China, and saluted the garrison and port. The statement recently made that the Chinese labourers were smuggled into the United States from British Columbia has, after a thorough investigation, been discovered to be entirely unfounded. The Chinese Government have ordered some further vessels from the Vulcan Shipbuilding Company at Suetin, including another ironclad corvette and some torpedo-boats. They have also given an order for a floating dock to be constructed.

M. de Lesseps has resolved to light the Suez Canal throughout its course by means of the electric light. Consequently the traffic through the Canal may be carried on day and night, and some of the facilities obtained which would follow the construction of a second canal, the widening of the present one.

A Russian telegram from Semipalatinsk, under date 11th instant, reports—General Bobkoff the Russian Commissioner for the delimitation of the Russo-Chinese frontier passed through here to-day on his way to the border, where he will meet the Chinese Commissioner, who is proceeding thither from Shanghai. Complete order prevails on the frontier.

Captain Timothy William Sullivan has been awarded the naval pension of £50 per annum for staff commanders and masters, vacant by the death of Retired Captain David Craig, C.B. Captain Sullivan has seen considerable service in China, and served in the *Clio* at the capture of Wosung and Shanghai, landing with a force of small-arm men, and the operations in the Yangtze in 1842.

The appointment of Commandant of Royal Engineers and colonel on the staff of Major-General J. N. Sargent, C.B., commanding the troops in China, has been bestowed on Colonel J. E. L. Walker, R.E., in succession to Colonel J. A. Papillon. Colonel Walker has been holding for some time a similar appointment on the staff of Major-General G. W. Higginson, commandant of the Home District.

The *Glensly*, a screw steamer of the following dimensions—length 260 feet, breadth 43 feet, depth 28 1/2 feet, tonnage 3,100 tons, has been launched from the yard of the London and Glasgow Engineering and Iron Shipbuilding Company, Govan, on the Clyde. The new *Glensly*, which is a sister ship to the *Glenary*, has been built to the order of Messrs. McGregor, Gow and Co., London, and is intended for the China freight and passenger trade.

It is stated in telegrams from Washington that several American naval officers, believing war to be imminent between China and France, have applied to the Chinese Minister for appointments in the Chinese Navy. The Minister says that he has no authority to issue commissions, and refers them to Li Hung Chang, care of the Viceroy at Canton. An announcement has been made at the Navy Department that leave of absence will be granted to officers waiting orders if they desire to enter the Chinese service. No confirmation of this has, however, been received.

M. Hamard, French Consul at Bangkok, was gazetted on the 13th inst. Civil Commissioner-General in Tong King-Aplan for the administrative organisation of the provinces reported to have been drawn up by M. Charles Brun, Minister of Marine. Seven circumlocutions or districts are to be created in Tong King, each directed by an inspector or prefect. Some of these officials will be Frenchmen, others Tong Kinges, the natives being supposed to be, as a rule, favourable to the proposed régime. On the other hand, all the Annamite agents are to be weeded out, as they are not to be trusted. M. Hamard, the Civil Commissioner, will preside over these departments. A decree to this effect was signed by the President of the Republic on the 26th ult.

TELEGRAMS.

The annexed items, extracted from our American files, were crowded out yesterday:—

MOSCOW, June 10th. A brilliant review took place to-day on Peterofsky Plain, of 5,000 troops. The Emperor and others left at six this evening for Peterhof. The outcome certainly will, it is thought in well-informed circles, be the adoption of conservative measures at home and a pacific policy abroad.

CORUNNA, June 10th. An English brig, recently hoisted the Span flag, green ground with a white cross in the cant, and at the same time was flying a small English flag at the foremast. The English Consul sent a messenger to order the captain to lower the green flag. The messenger met with rough treatment on the vessel. The Consul then summoned the Spanish Coast Guard and a party of armed sailors boarded the vessel and removed the objectionable flag. An inquiry will be instituted.

ROME, June 10th. Gladstone's statement in the Commons in regard to the circumstances of Errington's visit to Rome has given great satisfaction to the Vatican. Errington is said to have been in England. He will be given a private audience by the Pope before he goes.

MADRID, June 10th. The Government has ordered the prosecution of the Democrat journals *El Liberal* and *El Globe* for conveying insinuations in regard to the Queen's departure for Bohemia. Proceedings will be taken under the Special Press Law. This is the first time the law has been applied while the Liberals have been in office. Before the publication of the objectionable articles several Democratic papers alluded to the same subject reflecting upon persons of high rank, and several duels were arranged between the editors and noblemen.

EN ESTABLISHED, June 10th. The Car and Cavalry arrived from Moscow and drove in an open carriage to the Katsan Cathedral. They were enthusiastically cheered along the route. Their Majesties then proceeded to Peterhof Palace, Newsky Prospect, was lined with troops and the city was everywhere decorated.

LONDON, June 10th. The banquet in honor of Senator Jones of Florida by the Irish members of Parliament was presided over by Parnell. Most of the Irish members were present. The principal toasts were "The Irish at Home and Abroad," "Senator Jones," and "America." John Mackay, supposed to be a Fenian, has been arrested at Cardiff, for having a quantity of explosives in his possession. He was remanded for a week. The arrest is considered important. The District Police recently receiving menacing letters.

ROME, June 10th. It is positively affirmed that Archbishop Vannutelli, Papal Nuncio at Venice, who represented the Vatican at the coronation of the Russian Emperor, and presided at the Coronation Mass with an aureole (halo) from the Pope, has also stated that all pending difficulties between the Vatican and Russia have been arranged.

LONDON, June 10th. Great preparations are being made for the Jubilee Bright celebration at Birmingham this week, in recognition of his services as representative for Birmingham in Parliament for over a quarter of a century. There will be a monster trades procession, a banquet, picnic, &c. The Government offer only £70,000 for the Birmingham collection, and £200,000 are demanded. The *Times* says: "The public will learn with regret that the negotiations for the purchase of the Birmingham collection have collapsed. The Government and the United States are eager to acquire these literary treasures, and the latter certainly will not allow them to pass into other hands for the sake of a paltry \$100,000."

DUBLIN, June 10th. Doyle, one of the Invincibles, has been liberated from prison on bail. He will not live long. MELBOURNE, June 10th. Victoria and the other colonies urge the Imperial Government to annex the New Hebrides.

The Hongkong Telegraph.

No. 458.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 18, 1883.

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Hongkong, and July, 1883. [340]

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Hongkong, 25th May, 1883. [83]

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Hongkong, 13th July, 1883. [560]

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INTIMATION.

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Hongkong, 1st March, 1883. [168]

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Hongkong, 17th July, 1883. [569]

Auctions.

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Hongkong, 14th July, 1883. [565]

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For Particulars and Conditions of Sale, apply to

SHARP, TOLLER & JOHNSON,
Solicitors for the Mortgagees, or to
J. M. GUEDES, Auctioneer.
Hongkong, 14th July, 1883. [564]

Intimations.

NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that CROWN RENTS for the Half-Year ended the 24th June, 1883, and POLICE, LIGHTING, WATER and FIRE BRIGADE RATES for the 3rd Quarter of 1883, must be Paid on or before the 31st July. DEBTORS after that date will be proceeded against in the Supreme Court.
A LISTER, Treasurer.
TREASURY, Hongkong, 17th July, 1883. [570]

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Hongkong, 4th July, 1883. [560]

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W. B. BREWER, QUEEN'S ROAD.
Hongkong, 19th June, 1883. [703]

"NOVELTY STORE"

MARINE HOUSE, QUEEN'S ROAD.

JUST RECEIVED.

A SMALL CONSIGNMENT OF MALTESE LACE AND SILVER FILIGREE WORK, COMPRISING—
White and Black Silk Trimming Lace.
" Cotton Trimming Lace.
" Silk Handkerchief Border.
" Silk Circular and Square Doyleys.
" and Black Silk Filices.
" Silk Parasol Cover.
" Cotton Parasol Cover.
" Silk Veil and Scarf.
" Silk Collar and Cuffs.
" Silk Collar Breast Pendant.
" Silk Collar Breast Pointed.
" and Black Silk Necktie.
" and Black Silk Mittens.
Silver Filigree Pendant, St. John's Cross and Crown.
" Earrings to match the above.
" Fancy Pendant.
" Plain Chain Necklet.
" Fancy Locket.
" Fancy Broochet.
" Brooch (Lace Knot).
" " (Ningquarite).
" " (Silver).
" " (Shell).
" " (Circular).
" " (Pin).
" " (Lily).
Earrings to match the above.
ANY OF THE ABOVE ORDERED THROUGH THIS "STORE" WILL BE CHARGED FOR AT COST PRICE.
S. MEYERS, MANAGER.
Hongkong, 11th June, 1883.

SAYLE & CO.'S SHOWROOMS.

SAYLE & CO.

WE ARE SHOWING EX "GLENARN."

VERY FINE INDIA LONG CLOTHS. NORMAN STRIPE DRESS MATERIALS. White ALL OVER TUCKINGS—A New White Dress Material. COLOURED CHECKED ZEPHYRS for washing dresses. POMPADOUR SILKS, cashmeres and delaines for summer dressing gowns. A Fresh Assortment of Best-Silk and Wool FLANNELS. French Embroidered Pongee Silk TRIMMINGS. An entirely New Stock of Ladies' PARASOLS. Ladies' Plain and Fancy COLLARS. Children's White Silk and Spun Silk SOCKS in all sizes. Ladies' BOOTS and SHOES in all the latest styles. A Fresh Delivery of Atkinson's SCENTS. A few Specialties in BOOKS. SEWING MACHINES in all the Leading makes, &c., &c., &c. A LIBERAL DISCOUNT FOR CASH.
SAYLE & CO., VICTORIA EXCHANGE, HONGKONG.
Hongkong, 10th July, 1883. [249]

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LIMITED.
NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.
SHAREHOLDERS are hereby informed that CERTIFICATES for the present Shares in the Society may be obtained upon application at the Offices of the Company, in Exchange for Old Certificates or Provisional Scrip.
By Order,
DOUGLAS JONES, Acting Secretary.
Hongkong, 2nd July, 1883. [518]

Shipping.

STEAMERS.

FOR LONDON, VIA SUEZ CANAL.
THE Steamship
"DENLARIQ,"
Captain Clarke, will be despatched as above on FRIDAY, the 26th instant.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, 18th July, 1883. [523]

THE CHINA AND MANILA STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.
FOR MANILA (DIRECT).
THE Company's Steamship
"DIAMANTE,"
Captain Cullen, will be despatched for the above Port, on SATURDAY, the 21st instant, at Five P.M.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
RUSSELL & Co., General Managers.
Hongkong, 17th July, 1883. [572]

FOR NEW YORK, VIA SUEZ CANAL.
THE Steamship
"BENVENUE,"
Captain Potter, will be despatched as above on MONDAY, the 23rd instant.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, 17th July, 1883. [520]

NOUVELLE COMPAGNIE MARSEILLAISE DE NAVIGATION A VAPEUR.
THE Steamship
"AMERIQUE,"
Jouve, Commander, will sail on or about the 30th July, for MARSEILLES, VIA SAIGON, SINGAPORE, COLOMBO, ADEN, and SUEZ; and with leave to call at PENANG and TUTICORIN. In connection with these Steamers the Company runs a Line from MARSEILLES to HAVRE and LONDON, leaving MARSEILLES after arrival of the Steamer from CHINA.

The Company also runs Steamers regularly from MARSEILLES to numerous Ports in the MEDITERRANEAN and BLACK SEA, by which through freight may be booked. The Company has a Forwarding Agency at Paris, 9, Rue de Rougemont, giving special facilities to Shippers.
Each Steamer carries a Surgeon and Stewardess.
FARES 1ST CLASS, 2ND CLASS.
Hongkong to Marseilles \$300 \$240.
RETURN TICKETS are now Granted by the Steamers of this Line available for the undetermined periods, to be reckoned from the date of arrival at Marseilles of the Steamer for which the Ticket is issued to the date of re-embarkation there of the Holder of the Ticket.
1ST CLASS. 2ND CLASS.
6 Months.....\$520.....\$410.
12 ".....\$600.....\$445.
Special rates are arranged for families.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
ADAMSON, BELL & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, 12th July, 1883. [505]

FOR SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE, CALLING AT BRISBANE.
THE Steamship
"OCEAN,"
Captain Brown, will be despatched on or about the 23rd instant.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
ADAMSON, BELL & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, 16th July, 1883. [567]

AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.
STEAM FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, BOMBAY, ADEN, SUEZ, FORT SAID, and TRIESTE.
(Taking Cargo at through rates to CAUTTA, PERSIAN GULF PORTS, ODESSA, and the MEDITERRANEAN PORTS).
THE Company's Steamship
"ORION,"
Captain G. Mahoreich, will be despatched as above on FRIDAY, the 27th instant, at NOON.
For further Particulars, apply to
MELCHERS & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, 16th July, 1883. [566]

SAILING VESSELS.

FOR NEW YORK.
THE 3/3 L. I. L. British Ship
"G. C. TRUFANT,"
Thomas, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.
For Freight, apply to
RUSSELL & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, 14th July, 1883. [563]

FOR NEW YORK.
THE American Ship
"RESOLUTE,"
Nickels, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.
For Freight, apply to
RUSSELL & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, 16th June, 1883. [477]

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.
THE 3/3 L. I. L. American Ship
"MCLAURIN,"
Little, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.
For Freight, apply to
RUSSELL & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, 22nd June, 1883. [495]

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.
THE 3/3 L. I. L. American Bark
"ADOLPH OBRIG,"
Stapler, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.
For Freight, apply to
RUSSELL & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, 9th June, 1883. [494]

Mails.

U. S. MAIL LINE.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.
THROUGH TO NEW YORK, VIA OVERLAND RAILWAYS, AND TOUCHING AT YOKOHAMA, AND SAN FRANCISCO.
THE U. S. Mail Steamship
"CITY OF PEKING,"
will be despatched for San Francisco, via Yokohama, on TUESDAY, the 24th inst., at THREE P.M., taking Passengers and Freight for Japan, the United States, and Europe.

Through Bills of Lading issued for transportation to Yokohama and other Japan Ports, to San Francisco, and Atlantic and Inland Cities of the United States, via Overland Railways, to Havana, Trinidad, and Demerara, and to ports in Mexico, Central and South America, by the Company's and connecting Steamers.
Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France, and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers.

RETURN PASSAGES.—Passengers, who have paid full fare, re-embarking at San Francisco for China or Japan (or vice versa) within six months, will be allowed a discount of 20 per cent. from Return Fare; if re-embarking within one year, an allowance of 10 per cent. will be made from Return Fare. Pre-Paid Return Passage Orders, available for one year, will be issued at a Discount of 25 per cent. from Return Fare. These allowances do not apply to through fares from China and Japan to Europe.

Freight will be received on board until 4 P.M. on the 23rd July. Parcel Packages will be received at the Office until 5 P.M. same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.
Consular Invoices to accompany Overland Cargo should be sent to the Company's Offices in Sealed Envelopes, addressed to the Collector of Customs at San Francisco.
For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 50A, Queen's Road Central.
F. E. FOSTER, Agent.
Hongkong, 16th July, 1883. [1]

Consignees.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.
NOTICE.
CONSIGNEES of Cargo per Steamship "CITY OF PEKING,"
the above Steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for Countersignature and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.
Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.
F. E. FOSTER, Agent.
Hongkong, 16th July, 1883. [1]

Intimations.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

AN EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the Company's Office, No. 45, Queen's Road, Victoria, Hongkong, on FRIDAY, the 27th day of July, 1883, at FOUR O'CLOCK P.M., when the Resolutions Passed at the Extraordinary Meeting of the Company held on the 12th day of July, 1883, will be submitted for confirmation as Special Resolutions.
By Order,
JAS. B. COUGHTRIE, Secretary.
Hongkong, 13th July, 1883. [558]

HONGKONG, CANTON, AND MACAO STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.
NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE THIRTY-FOURTH ORDINARY HALF-YEARLY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the office of the Company, No. 52, Queen's Road, on MONDAY, the 30th July instant, at THREE O'CLOCK in the AFTERNOON, for the purpose of receiving a Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts, declaring a Dividend, and Electing Directors and Auditors.
By Order of the Board of Directors,
P. A. DA COSTA, Secretary.
Hongkong, 9th July, 1883. [546]

HONGKONG, CANTON AND MACAO STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.
NOTICE.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 17th to the 30th instant, inclusive.
By Order of the Board of Directors,
P. A. DA COSTA, Secretary.
Hongkong, 9th July, 1883. [547]

CHINA TRADERS' INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.
NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE SEVENTEENTH ORDINARY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the Head Office, Victoria, Hongkong, on TUESDAY, the 31st instant, at FOUR O'CLOCK P.M., for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors and Statement of Accounts to 30th April last, and of declaring Dividends.
The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 18th to 31st instant, both days inclusive.
By Order,
W. H. RAY, Secretary.
Hongkong, 9th July, 1883. [541]

NOTICE OF REMOVAL.
MR. F. VINCENOT'S WINE & SPIRIT STORE and also BAKERY, which was formerly at No. 24, Praya Central, has been REMOVED to No. 24, Praya Central.
Hongkong, 11th July, 1883. [126]